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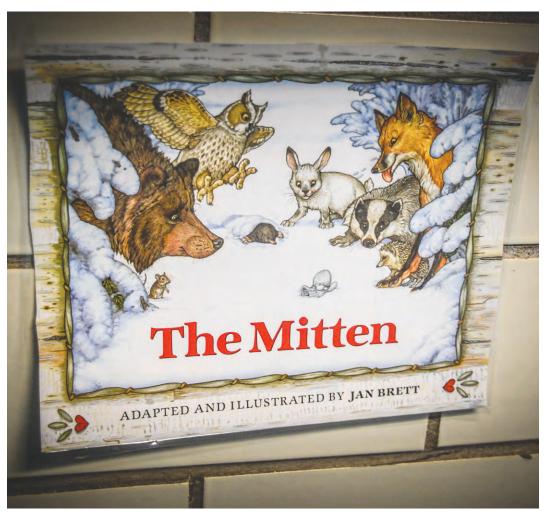


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# Walking through the story



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The Agawam Family and Community Program hosted a free storywalk last week of Jan Brett's "The Mitten." See more photos, pages 12-13.

# 'Pure human kindness'

AHS student's heroic actions avert tragedy

"It was the

right thing to

do. I couldn't

ignore what had

happened."

Amanda Smith, junior

**Agawam High School** 

By Mike Lydick Turley Publications Correspondent

"I saw her brake lights go on and thought, thank God."

That's when Phyllis Harrison began waving and yelling for help. It was just past seven in the

7 a.m. on a cold and snowy Friday in early January. She was sprawled on the ground half in her Feeding Hills driveway and half in the street.

Harrison, 55, had been clearing snow from her car, preparing to leave for work, when she saw her elderly

neighbor across the street fall in front of his mailbox. She rushed to help - and slipped on an ice patch. Harrison's boot caught a storm drain grate at the end of her driveway. She twisted her leg and

Fortunately, a Good Samaritan - 17 year-old Amanda Smith --

was driving by on Granger Drive at that moment. Smith didn't stop initially because when she first saw Harrison - whom she didn't know then - she was headed toward the man who had fallen.

"But when I looked in my mirror, I saw her fall, too," recalled the Agawam High School junior.

"I knew I had to turn around to help them."

The man was apparently uninjured. but needed help getting up. Harrison, however, would require an ambulance. "She told me she thought her leg was broken," said Smith, who immediately dialed 911.

"I told the dispatcher that her leg was visibly broken."

#### Aid and comfort

Taking off her own jacket, Smith covered Harrison to help keep her warm. Smith also shut off Harrison's car and grabbed a

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# Council nixes mixed use plan

Vote fails to garner support

By Gregory A. Scibelli Turley Publications Correspondent

AGAWAM - A by-right business zoning initiative by the Planning and Community Development department has been stalled after the Agawam City Council voted down a proposed zone change two weeks ago.

On Jan. 21, the council voted 6-4 in favor of the zone change that would place a "Business C" (or mixed use zone) designation on 17 properties in the Walnut Street Extension area. But the resolution lacked the eight votes required to pass a zone change.

Councilors Cecilia labrese, Paul Cavallo, Donald Rheault, and Robert Rossi all dissented on the zone change. Rossi was the most vocal about change, saying it was not going to solve the overall problem in the area, which is centered around the former Games N' Lanes property.



He says the property needs to be addressed before a zone change or any other initiatives can be considered. He also made other suggestions.

"I think we need to partner with MassDOT to fix the traffic patterns," said Rossi. "We need to develop a merchants' association, and we need to get Games 'N Lanes cleaned up. To promote a zone change is not going to be the answer."

Mayor Richard A. Cohen and Planning and Community Development Director Deborah Dachos sought the approval of a mixeduse zone in order to help bring more businesses into the area. Cohen also said the town could qualify for grants through the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission that would pay for the cleanup on the Games 'N Lanes property.

"There are a lot of positives to this zone change," said Councilor George Bitzas. "This could be a real saver of the area and expedite the process of cleaning up Games 'N Lanes."

Council President Christopher Please see COUNCIL, page 6



Turley Publications photo by Mike Lydick

Marianne Carter (left), co-captain of her Relay For Life of Agawam team, gets a purple bracelet from Sue Kozlik, who registered teams at the kickoff rally for the 2014 American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Agawam. Standing with Carter is her father, Rick Carter, who is also a member of the team.

# 'We're all in this fight together'

Relay kickoff makes cancer real, personal

**By Mike Lydick** Turley Publications Correspondent

AGAWAM - Last April, Mark Chase lost his battle with cancer. Now his wife plans to honor him by helping to find a cure for can-

Carla Chase attended the kickoff rally for the 2014 American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Agawam on Jan. 23 to register help cancer patients and caregivher new team. The Agawam resident said she formed the team "to honor Mark" and to help find a cure for all types of cancers – not just the head and neck cancer that claimed her husband.

She said the team - Chasn' A Cure – gives her the opportunity to talk about how money raised at the Relay allows the cancer society to fund more services that

ers. "Not just treatments to cure cancer, but also financial and emotional support for families," said Chase, team co-captain with another Agawam resident, Marianne Carter.

"We need to bring more awareness about cancer to our community," said Carter. "Cancer can be devastating, but we also need to

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#### LAZY GRAZING



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Agawam Advertiser News reader Cindy Weaver of Agawam sent in this image she took of horses grazing on a beautiful fall day during a drive in Connecticut. Do you have your own photos to share with our readers? Email Jennifer Wroblewski at jwroblewski@turley.com.



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Each week *Agawam Advertiser News* will feature a photo of a local building, item, sign, place or landmark and ask readers to pick their brains to figure out where it is or even what it is. Check here each week to test your knowledge of the area where we live and work. The photo will be from either Agawam or Feeding Hills, but we'll always give you a hint or two.

The answer to this week's "Where is it?" will run in next week's edition along with the name of the first person to submit a correct answer and a new trivia photo for you to consider.

E-mail answers or future Where Is It? suggestions to editor Jennifer Wroblewski at jwroblewski@turley.com.



Turley Publications staff photo by Jennifer Wroblewski

You must first stop in order to appreciate the beauty of this piece of architecture located on a main road somewhere in town.



Last week's photo: Correctly guessing the American Legion on Springfield Street were Rick Parrott and Jacqueline Prendergast.

# Neal welcomes release of heating funding

WASHINGTON - Congressman Richard E. Neal, dean of the Massachusetts Congressional Delegation, released a statement after the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced they will be making available more than \$454 million in heating assistance across the country to help Americans meet their energy costs.

"As we continue to experience extreme winter weather, I am pleased that Secretary Sebelius has decided to make this fuel assistance available," said Neal. "There are currently 200,000 households in Massachusetts receiving energy assistance, many of them senior citizens and veterans. There is no rea-

son families from the Berkshires to Boston should have to endure frigid temperatures in a house without heat. It contradicts our values as a nation."

According to HHS, this funding is provided under the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2014, which passed this month, and represents the funding available to HHS for Low Income Energy Assistance (LIHEAP) for the second quarter of FY 2014. Last week, Neal and his colleagues sent a letter to HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius urging her to immediately release this fuel assistance so that families can stay safe and warm during the extreme winter weather.

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## Putting the pieces together

Group completes largest puzzle yet

By Sarah Platanitis

Turley Publications Correspondent

A group of seniors at the Agawam Senior Center nicknamed the "Puzzle People" have recently finished a 5,000-piece puzzle.

The giant puzzle provided quite a few hours of entertainment for the group, which meets afternoons and evenings in the low-er-level activity room. Started on Sept. 23, 2013, the Puzzle People steadily toiled over the puzzle during the fall, with the last piece snapped into place Dec. 30.

Art McLaughlin, a Springfield senior and member of the group, acquired the 5,000-piece puzzle during a visit with another puzzle group in East Longmeadow.

"The woman at the senior center there gave it to us so we could do it. They didn't have a table big enough to work on it," said McLaughlin. "We were working here on our biggest puzzle at the time and I came in with the box and asked everybody, 'How about this one?"

The puzzle, called "Lucky Marbles" and manufactured by the German puzzle company FX Schmid, features countless details and an old-time general store theme painted by North Carolina artist Susan Babreau. Its finished size is 62 x 42 inches, just over five-feet in width.

Al Moccio, treadmill enthusiast and puzzler from Agawam, helped make a special tabletop so the group could work on it after they are done using the room's exercise machines.

"Puzzles are my reward for coming to exercise. When I finish I can treat myself to something fun. I think a lot of us in the group do that," said Elaine Carlson, Agawam resident and Puzzle People member for three years.

Health experts note that puzzles are good for the brain since they challenge hand dexterity, spatial reasoning and logic. They are one of the few activities that work both sides of the brain simultaneously while improving focus, concentration and patience.

The Puzzle People group has created strong friendships as a result of their teamwork. While the puzzles stretched their brains, they had great times laughing and talking with each other about life, friends and families.

"We have sat there many nights until 9 p.m. working on the puzzle. Some of the best conversations have happened over a puzzle," said Carlson.

The hallway leading into the activity room is decorated with finished and framed puzzles featuring scenes found around the globe or in famous museums. The group plans to glue their latest and largest puzzles together as well.

"There's actually a 3,000-piece puzzle underneath this one 5,000-piece one," said Diane Mallory, of Agawam and group member for two years. "It was missing two pieces but I recreated them so we could finish it."

The puzzle group has slowly grown since it started a few years ago. Anyone is welcome to join in the fun of the Puzzle People.

"We do other things besides puzzles, you know," laughed Doris Leflin, a Suffield, Conn. resident and group member for the past two years. "Whenever we got sick of the puzzle, we play Canasta or dominoes."

To learn more about the Puzzle People at the Agawam Senior Center or to donate a new and interesting puzzle, call 413-821-0605



Turley Publications photos by Sarah Platanitis

Agawam Senior Center's Puzzle People group, from left to right, Sharyl Hill, Diane Mallory, Cathy Parent, Elaine Carlson, Doris Leflin, David Rutanen and Art McLaughlin. Bottom left, Diana Mallory and David Rutanen point out the most detailed parts of a recently completely 5,000-piece puzzle. Bottom right, Elaine Carlson and Doris Leflin work to finish a smaller, highly detailed puzzle.

#### Discounted ski tickets available

The Agawam Parks and Recreation Department has a limited amount of discounted Blandford Ski Area tickets for the 2013-2014 season. The tickets will be on sale at the Parks and Recreation Department beginning Tuesday, Feb. 11 at 8:30 a.m..

Tickets will be sold for \$25 each (nor-

mal price \$47) with a limit of two tickets per customer on a first-come, first-served basis. Money raised from the ticket sales will benefit the 2014 summer concert series. For more information, call the Parks and

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# <u>Opinion</u>

#### FROM MY DESK TO YOURS

#### Goodbye...for now

Walking out of our Feeding Hills office earlier this week, I couldn't help but feel a sense of sadness. I hugged my office manager and ad representative and held back tears as they wished me well for the next few

I've been looking forward to this week since last year when my husband and I found out we'd be having a baby and I'd be taking some time off from the paper; I've spent every minute of every day preparing both at home and at work for the new arrival. On the one hand I was excited for the opportunity to take a few months off work, but on the

other hand, I'm a bit of a control freak and couldn't imagine having to relinguish the reins of the Agawam Advertiser News during that

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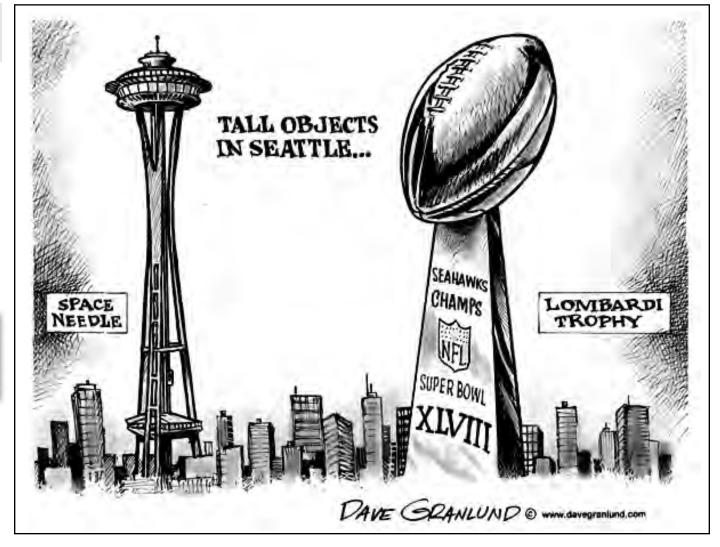
time. Luckily I had ample time to prepare myself for that possibility.

Now that it's here and I've stepped down from my post, it's bittersweet.

For the next eight to 12 weeks, I won't be leaving home each morning to head into my office, a place that for the last three years I affectionately referred to as "the living room," because of its soft lighting, comfortable furniture, and – let's not forget – access to the Internet. While I can't wait to spend some time with my baby boy, a small part of me feels like I'm abandoning my readers; this paper has been the be-all, end-all of my life for the last three years, after all.

For anyone who regularly communicates with me via email, fear not: my temporary replacement will have access to my account so that anything submitted to jwroblewski@ turley.com – including photos – will find its way to the paper. The same holds true for article queries and photo assignment suggestions.

In my absence, I've secured reporter Greg Scibelli to cover the Agawam City Council's regular meetings and Correspondent Mike Lydick is prepared to continue with school



committee meeting coverage and feature news reporting. In addition, Correspondent Sarah Platanitis will continue with her feature/news story coverage, while roving photographer Kimberly Hatch will have her camera handy for photo spreads.

To submit a story or photo request during

the next three months, email jwroblewski@ turley.com with the subject: AAN Story/ Photo Request. For additional information, call the Agawam Advertiser News office at 786-7747.

If what I'm hearing from friends and family is true, these next eight to 12 weeks will fly by and the last thing on my mind will be the paper. Here's hoping that it doesn't pass quite as quickly as these last nine months and that I can thoroughly enjoy my time

Until we meet again...

## Letters to the Editor

#### Councilors should re-consider vote

#### To the editor:

I cannot help but think there was a basic misunderstanding of the information and of the intent of one of the public speakers, when the Agawam City Council did not pass the proposed ordinance to create a new Mixed Use Business C Zoning District at their Jan. 21 meeting, resulting in a lost opportunity for our town.

The ordinance would have created a new Mixed Use Retail-Commercial-Residential District for part of the Walnut Street Extension area, which has long been of concern to many resi-

At a public hearing on Dec. 16, several councilors expressed concerns about the Games and Lanes building stating this should be taken care of before creating a new zoning district. It was agreed to hold a workshop to address their questions and concerns.

At the Jan. 16 workshop, Deborah Dachos, Agawam Planning and Conservation director, described the plan in detail. She noted that it would "relax" the zoning so that the Games and Lanes property, now zoned industrial with very limited use, would have many more options for a potential developer, or for the town should it take the property. Council President Chris Johnson proposed the creation of a Redevelopment Authority, which could take over the property without the financial risk of the town becoming responsible for the extremely costly environmental issues. Ms. Dachos reported she has applied with the assistance of the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, for a state grant for infrastructure work for the proposed area, and that we would not get the grant if the ordinance was not passed. She also said she had talked with a large majority of the business property owners in the area who all supported the new zone.

At the continued public hearing on Jan. 21, Ed Borgatti, owner of E.B's, spoke in favor of passing the ordinance to create the new zoning district. He went on to speak with passion about taking care of Games and Lanes first. The Games and Lanes building and property is a long-term problem which Mr. Borgatti faces every day at his place of business, and about which he understandably has very strong feelings. His intent in speaking was that the ordinance be passed, and Games and Lanes be taken care of first within that context. I was sitting next to him as the votes were taken, and heard him repeatedly say, "But I wanted it to pass."

At the public hearing, I said, "There is no downside to passing the ordinance to create the new Mixed Use Business C Zone. None."

The ordinance clearly specifies what is allowed and does not take away any powers from the Zoning Board of Appeals. If another area of town wished to create a similar district they would have to go through a process for approval which would not be given if it was not appropriate.

The upside is to create options and opportunities to revitalize the gateway to our town. Planning board members worked intensively with the planning director for about four months to produce a solid, well-thought-out, effective plan to benefit our town. It is the right thing to do for Agawam, the first step in a process of great improvement for the Walnut Street Extension area. I urge the Agawam city council to reconsider and pass this ordinance to create a new Mixed Use Business C Zoning District as soon as possible.

> Corinne M. Wingard Agawam

#### Businesses deserve thanks for support

#### To the editor:

The Agawam Hockey Booster Club would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge all of the businesses that support Agawam hockey. Whether it was by donating to our wine tasting fundraiser or placing ads in our 2013-2014 program book, their support was extremely appreciated.

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# **Settling in**

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Westfield State College in 1989. I have been a tobacco picker, a camp counselor, a chimney sweep, a mental health crisis worker, a Judo instructor, a court security officer, a legislative staffer, a state Representative, and a Justice of the Peace. I am the son of a firefighter and a nurse. My wife, Janice, and I have a 2 1/2 year old son named Quinn.

I was elected last November in the special election to succeed Mike Knapik and was sworn in by Gov. Deval Patrick in the Senate Chamber at the State House on Nov. 20, 2013. Now I'm set-

tling into my new position and making my rounds throughout the district to meet my constituents and listen to their thoughts and

I'd like to thank Agawam Advertiser News for allowing me to write this column, which I hope to submit monthly as a way of keeping you, my constituents, informed about things happening at the State House and around the Senate district.

I'm also settling in to my new office at the State House, since I had to move out of my House office and into a Senate office. My staff is in place and I wanted to give you

Hello! My name is Don Humason and I their names and how to contact us if I may ever be of service to you.

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Next month I will write about my legislative committee assignments and the state budget process which has already begun with the release of Gov. Patrick's budget proposal, called House Bill 2.

Should you have any problems or need answers to a question about state govern-

ment, or have an opinion on a bill or budget item that you want to give me, please feel free to contact me and my staff at your convenience. I welcome your input. Thanks very much. Have a great week!

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## **Council rejects procurement** officer request

By Gregory A. Scibelli

Turley Publications Correspondent

AGAWAM - City Councilors have turned down Mayor Richard A. Cohen's request that a Chief Procurement Officer position to be established.

The resolution was defeated last month even though the council favored it 6-4. Eight votes were required to establish the position.

Money was the main factor in considering the new position. Councilor Cecilia Calabrese said she could not support it at this

"This a position that pays \$57,000," said Calabrese. "I am not a fan of this (proposal). I have not heard of a problem with procurements. There are a lot of private citizens on fixed incomes right now. I can't support creating this at this time."

Calabrese, Council President Christopher Johnson, and Councilors Donald Rheault and Robert Rossi also dissented.

Councilor George Bitzas was among the six other councilors that supported the creation of the new position.

"If the mayor feels this is a necessary position, then I do not have a problem with it," said Bitzas.

Cohen made the request in December 2013, saying the new procurement officer would be responsible for developing Request for Proposals as well as Invitations to Bid. The procurement officer would be responsible for following all Massachusetts General Laws for public bidding and procurement of

Cohen felt the town eeded the position because more complicated laws and regulations regarding procurement have been established recently.

The town of Agawam procures millions of dollars in contracts each year, including \$12 million alone in the Department of Public

Cohen proposed funding the salary of the

position from three different sources. About \$29,000 of the salary would come from the Water and Sewer enterprise funds. The procurement officer would be responsible for contracts in the water and sewer depart-

The remaining \$28,000 would come from the general fund. Cohen said an \$11,000 line item for temporary services in the law department would be eliminated to help fund the position.

'Compiling a list of bids over the past year is more difficult than one might think,"

The mayor listed more than 35 current and upcoming projects that would benefit from having a procurement officer dedicating to making sure proper bids and proposal requests are evaluated and awarded.

The procurement officer would handle bidding project in both the town and school departments, Cohen said.

Town Engineer Michelle Chase said she supported the proposal.

'The Engineering Division is often asked to assist the DPW in putting items and/or work out to bid," said Chase. "The procurement process is complex and the rules seem to be constantly changing. Having a CPO to ensure the town follows these rules and regulations will help protect the town and streamline the procurement process.'

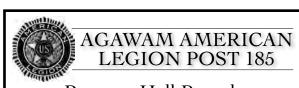
The mayor said he was disappointed with the council's decision to turn down the re-

"We are the only community of our size that does not have a procurement officer," said Cohen. "It has been recommended to us from the Attorney General and the Inspector General to have this position. I'm disappointed the council felt in their judgment that we should not have this position.'

Cohen said the approximately \$12,000 to \$14,000 that would come from the general fund could potentially be offset by savings

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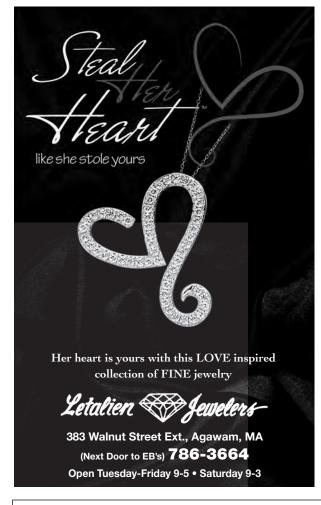


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#### 'We're all in this fight together' RELAY, from page 1

make people aware of what the Relay does to support finding a cure for cancer."

#### Making the fight real and personal

Courtney Barberi, co-captain of Team Rossi, the team with the highest fundraising total at the 2013 Relay – \$10,000 - made the fight against cancer real and personal. Standing before a screen with an image of herself with her mother and aunt - both of whom died from cancer at early ages - Barberi shared her story about why she joined the Relay.

"My mom and I walked together at the Springfield College Relay for two years. After she died, I learned about the Relay in Agawam. I formed a team on a whim – as a tribute to her – but it's been a great experience that gets better each

Despite her family's devastating losses – her aunt in 2005 at age 36 from breast cancer and her mother in early 2012 at 46 from leukemia – Barberi, 27, has found the courage to persevere in the face of adversity.

Barberi also received support from many people in Agawam. "Everyone I know wants to help our team and support my family at the Relay so we can fight for others with cancer."



Jennifer Ducharme, Relay specialist for the New **England Division of the American Cancer Soci**ety, called the kickoff rally for the 2014 Relay For Life of Agawam "a great success."



Turley Publications photos by Mike Lydick

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At the kickoff rally for the 2014 American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Agawam, Janine Iacolo, event chair, urged the nearly 80 people who attended "not to be silent" in the fight against cancer.

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The 2013 Relay raised \$67,000, or \$7,000 above goal. "Our success shows that Agawam is serious about this fight," said Janine Iacolo, Relay chair. She said the goal for the May 16 and 17 Relay at AHS is \$70,000. To date, the more than 100 teams that have registered have raised nearly \$4,000.

#### Speaking out and reaching out

"We continue to grow and reach our goals because we continue to reach out and speak out about cancer. We will not be silent in our fight against cancer," added Iacolo, whose brother died from cancer six years ago.

She said survival rates for cancer are steadily improving. "But that's not good enough. We want to eliminate any deaths from cancer. That's why our theme this year is 'Finish the Fight."

Jenny Ghareeb and her sister-in-law, Christine Packer, couldn't agree more. The two Agawam women are co-captains of a new team called Team Jack. They named the team in honor of Jack Rohan, Ghareeb's father. The Agawam resident has had chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL), a cancer of the white blood cells, for the past 10 years.

"We're coming together with this team to not only raise money but also to raise awareness about cancer survivors. We want to help people understand that there are many cancer survivors like my father," said Ghareeb.

When Packer learned that Ghareeb's father was again going through chemotherapy, she suggested forming a team in his honor. Packer said the kickoff was a great way to get motivated about the Relay.

"It was awesome listening to people's stories from last year's Relay. It was very emotional - and very touching," said Packer. She added that one of the things she learned at the kickoff is that a large percentage of money - almost 62 percent – raised for the Relay goes to cancer research. "That's a large chunk of money – and that's important to tell others when we're doing our team fundraising."

The two and a half hour event in the AHS cafeteria - attended by close to 80 people - was an opportunity to socialize and learn more about the Relay in an informal atmo-

Iacolo said she strived to create a "relaxed atmosphere" for the kickoff. "I didn't want anyone to feel unwelcome or to make it too intense to handle. I wanted people to know that we're all in this fight together and that we all feel what they feel: the struggle and pain caused by cancer."



Standing before a screen with an image of herself with her mother and aunt - both of whom died from cancer at early ages - Courtney Barberi made the fight against cancer real and personal when she spoke at the kickoff for the 2014 American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Agawam.

She added that a number of teams and local businesses pitched in to furnish food at the kickoff - from pizzas the Gold family on Team Rossi donated after buying them at a discount from Nicky's Pizzeria to cases of bottled water HP Hood supplied to soda/juices, brownies, and chips Team Jan's Jokers provided.

"The kickoff was a great success," said Jennifer Ducharme, Relay specialist for the New England Division of the American Cancer Society. "It was wonderful to see so many teams and participants come out to support the Relay with enthusiasm and determination to finish the fight."

#### Council nixes mixed use plan COUNCIL, from page 1

Johnson also supported the zone change. He stepped from the chair and said changing the zone would have been the first of a three-step process.

He also encouraged the councilors to go along with the property owners, who all expressed support for the zone

He expressed concern over the age of the zone.

"We still have zoning from the 1950s in that area," said Johnson. "We need to put in place a tool that owners can use to make their properties better."

If the zone change had passed, it was possible the Games 'N Lanes property could have been placed in a "re-development authority," making it eligible for grants to clean it up.

Game 'N Lanes has several environmental concerns that could cost more than \$600,000 to clean up. The property owner has not made a move in cleaning up the property and currently owes \$31,000 in back property taxes. The town has the ability to acquire the property through tax title, but would then become completely responsible for cleaning up the property and costs associated with it.

Councilor Donald Rheault said the mayor refuses to get involved in the property itself, and he does not believe the zone change will be the answer.

But Councilor Joseph Mineo said the town needed to start somewhere.

"If we could qualify for grants," said Mineo. "We would finally be able to get this place cleaned up."

Business owner Ed Borgatti spoke in favor of the zone change during the public hearing. He pleaded with the council to clean up Games 'N Lanes and pass the zone change.

Corrine Wingard, a member of the Community Preservation Act Committee, also supported the zone change, saying there are "no negatives in the proposal."

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Hebrews 11:1 defines the word faith. Let's take a look at a few translations of this scripture to get a feel for what it is saying.

(New International Version) Faith is being sure of what you hope for and certain of what you do not see.

(Amplified Version) Now faith is the assurance (the confirmation, the title deed) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see and the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses].

(King James Version) Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

(The Message) The fundamental fact of existence is that this trust in God, this faith, is the firm foundation under every-

thing that makes life worth living. It's our handle on what we can't see.

Faith is simply believing and trusting in the invisible, eternal, Kingdom of God. Seeing things does not require faith. "I'll believe it when I see it," is diametrically opposed to the reality of faith. A fully devoted follower of Christ believes without ever seeing. Our trust and confidence is in the person and work of Jesus Christ who lived, died and was raised from the dead nearly two thousand years ago. The biographical accounts (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John and Acts) and the epistles (the letters of Paul, Peter, James and John) found in the New Testament are historical evidence of the events depicted in Jerusalem and the Ro-

man Empire in the first century.

But, I have never seen Jesus. I have not touched his nail-pierced hands or feet. I have not seen the scars on

his back from the scourging he endured or his pierced head from the crown of thorns. Yet, I believe. I believe Jesus of Nazareth was and is the Son of God and the son of man. A member of the eternal Godhead, fully God and fully man, who through his sacrificial death, atoned for the sin of the world and purchased salvation for all who believe in His name and receive Him as savior and Lord. It is by faith we are saved, not of works, so no one can boast before God, "We earned our way into heaven."

Good works are powerless to grant entrance into the presence of the King of kings and Lord of lords. We humbly

enter the presence of a holy God through simple faith. Without faith it is impossible to please God. Did you hear the certainty of that statement? One must believe God exists and that He created the heavens and the earth. (Hebrews 11:1-6) Take a moment to examine your heart and determine if it is filled with faith or not. A heart filled with faith in Jesus Christ is pleasing to God and guarantees entrance into the Kingdom of God. Though it is invisible now, one day the eyes of faith will be opened to the majesty and splendor of God's eternal glory. And what a day that will be when we see Jesus. Then one will realize how powerfully faith matters.

# Regular School Committee meeting agenda

Roberta G. Doering School, 68 Main St. Tuesday, Feb. 11 – 7 p.m.

- 1. Call to order
- 2. Executive Session 6:15 p.m. (Contract Negotiations and Personnel)
- 3. Moment of silence
- 4. Roll call of attendance
- 5. Regular meeting 7 p.m.
- 6. Citizen's Speak Time
- 7. Highlights on Education:
- a. AJHS Jazz Band Performance
- 8. Superintendent's Notes
- 9. Student Advisory Committee representative update
- 10. Unfinished business:
- a. SCR-14-03, Approval of 2014 -2015 AHS Program of Studies
- b. SCR-14-04, Adoption of 2014 2015 School Calendar
- 11. Business meeting:
- a. Routine matters
- 1) Approval of Minutes
- 2) Calendar/Correspondence
- b. Warrants/Transfers
- c. Reports:
- 1). Scheduled reports:
- Superintendent's Mid-Cycle Evaluation W. Sapelli
- 2). Subcommittee updates
- 12. New business:
- a. SCR-14-05, Approval of Six Flags New England Scholarship
- 13. Any other items that may legally come before the committee
- 14. Adjournment

#### AHS student's heroic actions avert tragedy

#### KINDNESS, from page 1

blanket from the car. Harrison then asked Smith to turn off her stove and to get her purse.

A passerby in a pickup truck who stopped to help came to the assistance of Harrison's neighbor. He also gave Smith a reflector jacket to put over Harrison to make her more visible to passing traffic. The passerby – who didn't identify himself – then left when he learned an ambulance was en route.

"I didn't move her. I knew it could have made the situation worse. I just did my best to keep her calm," said Smith who became certified in first aid last year. While she waited with Harrison for the ambulance, Smith phoned her mother. She asked her to call the school to explain why Smith would be late.

Paramedics arrived, confirmed Harrison's broken leg, and took her to the hospital. Harrison had walked out her door at 7:15 a.m. – and less than an hour later, was being rolled into Baystate Medical Center. "I was hospitalized for three days. My right leg had a spiral fracture of the tibia and two fractures of the fibula. It was surgically repaired with a rod."

At AHS, Principal Steve Lemanski said Smith was "upset and shook up" when she arrived at the main office. Smith met with Assistant Principal Thomas Schnepp to talk about what had occurred, then went to her classes. Schnepp then relayed the information to Lemanski.

#### Principal, parents praise actions

When Lemanski went to check on Smith – and to tell her how proud he was of her for helping Harrison – Smith was sitting with her friends, enjoying lunch. "She seemed like every other student at that moment. We're proud to have a

student like Amanda do something so good and so right," he said.

Amy Smith said she and her husband Scott weren't surprised to learn about their daughter's heroic actions. "She did a great job of keeping Mrs. Harrison warm and calm while informing others about the situation. Amanda's always stepped up to the plate and taken control of situations calmly. She's a very caring person," she said.

Two weeks after she fell, an appreciative Harrison presented Smith with a bouquet of flowers, a handwritten thank you note, and a gift card. "I'm so grateful she stayed close until the EMTs loaded me on the stretcher," said Harrison when she and Smith met in Harrison's dining room.

Harrison, her leg in an air cast and using a walker, said Smith prevented a delay in getting her immediate assistance she needed. "Many cars drove down my street that morning, so I have to believe someone else would have stopped. But Amanda got me the desperate help I needed much sooner."

#### 'The right thing to do'

Smith, who has high hopes for a criminal justice career, said she doesn't consider herself a hero. "I don't understand why someone wouldn't stop. It was the right thing to do. I couldn't ignore what had happened."

An infusion nurse at a Springfield medical practice, Harrison said her day began routinely, but "destiny" had different plans for how it ended. "Fate put you there for me," wrote Harrison, who considers Smith's actions "pure human kind-

Harrison said it's hard to explain in words what it feels like when a total stranger takes time to stop and lend assistance. "I was touched to be a recipient of Amanda's kindness. I will



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Phyllis Harrison (right) met with Amanda Smith two weeks after the AHS junior came to her aid on a snowy January morning. Smith stopped to help Harrison after the woman slipped on her icy driveway and broke her leg.

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# In the Classroom

# **Doering School students** raise money for Red Cross



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Mary Nathan, right, Red Cross disaster program manager, accepts a check from Roberta G. Doering School students, from left, Olivia Courchesne, Sydney Anderson and Maddy Manser.

Three sixth-graders from the Roberta G. Doering School in Agawam visited the American Red Cross Pioneer Valley Chapter last month to present a donation to Red Cross Disaster Relief.

After seeing footage of the devastation in the Philippines after the Tyhpoon Haiyan in November, Olivia Courchesne, 11, had the desire to do something to help people affected by disasters. She and a few friends approached their principal and got permission to create flyers and promote a coin collection in each of the classrooms at the school. They made a contest out of it by getting Tolli's Pizza

in Agawam to donate a pizza party to the classroom that raised the most money. Students in Benjamin Kronlund's sixth grade class won the pizza party and the American Red Cross was the recipient of the \$782.62 that was collected throughout the school.

"We are very thankful to the students at Roberta Doering School," said Dawn Leaks, Red Cross director of communications. "At a time when young people often get a bad rap, these students have come together to show kindness and compassion toward their neighbors in

#### **Residents attain** honors at St. Thomas School

WEST SPRINGFIELD - The following local students were among those to be named to the second quarter honor roll for St. Thomas the Apostle School.

First honors: Jessica Fedor, grade 7; second honors: Thomas Young, grade 6; third honors: Alexandra Gonet, grade 7; Nicholas Brady, grade 6; Elizabeth Gonet, grade 5.

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#### Mighty Mechanics win 'Think' award, ticket to state tourney

recently that four local sponsors made platinum level donations to the FIRST Robotics Program. This provided resources to compete in a local "Block Party!" tournament where Mighty Mechanics won the "Think" award. This award was based on the team that best reflects their journey and how they experienced the engineering process and now entitles them a ticket to attend the Massachusetts State Championship to be held March 1.

The sponsors are Specialty Bolt and G&L Tool, of Agawam, The Hartford Steam Boiler, of Hartford, Conn., and MTI Systems, of West Springfield. Their support enabled Mighty Mechanics to buy parts for the robot and pay for tournament admissions.

FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotics is a program for students in grades 7-12. In this program, each year students are faced with a certain goal for the games staged by the FIRST

Agawam Mighty Mechanics announced robotics worldwide organization. Mighty Mechanics was challenged with a "Block Party!" game. The team goal was to build a robot that could deposit blocks in buckets on a pendulum, turn a wheel to raise a flag, and include a mechanism to raise the robot off a ground on a pull up bar.

In addition to the physical challenge presented by the robot, the judges look at teams' engineering notebooks, their community outreach, and the amount of thought they engage in. Another key ingredient that the judges take into consideration is a term coined "gracious professionalism." This is a concept developed by Woodie Flowers to demonstrate professional behavior, where everyone is a winner.

To learn more about the FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotics international program or make a donation to Mighty Mechanics, visit ftc839.agawamrobotics.org.

# AHS Counseling Bulletin SAT's: March 8 - sign up by Feb. 7; May

College Acceptances:

Anna Baranov: Johnson and Wales University; Rachel Burton: Simmons College; Scott Barber: Western New England University; Tim Consedine: University of Rhode Island; Megan Couture-King: Salem State University, Westfield State University; Erica Gallerani: Westfield State University, Western New England University; Brooke Gamelli: West Virginia University; Joshua Hodges: Westfield State University; Chad Joyal: Westfield State University, Worcester State University; Miranda Lanza: Salem State University, Worcester State University; Cam Ritter: Westfield State University; Taylor Misiorski: Western New England University; Billy Wysocki: Roger Williams University; Aleah Hodge: Worcester State University; Mackenzie Gendron: University of Rhode Island; Kate Moriarty: Elms College; Jenna Passerini: Westfield State University. Amanda Ehresman: Springfield College; Joshua Schuler: Johnson State College; William Fairlie: SUNY Stony Brook; Hayley Burbank: Fitchburg State College; Rachel Narreau: Emmanuel College; Mason Hollander: University of South Florida; Ian Paleologopoulos: Roger Williams University, Framingham State University, Bridgewater State University, Eastern Conn. State University; Kathrine Paltz: University of Southern Maine, Westfield State University

Open Houses/Informational Session: Many colleges will host events in the next few weeks. Check the counseling westsite for

**ACT's:** April 12 - sign up by March 7; June 14 - sign up by May 9.

3 - sign up by April 4; June 7 - sign up by

Springfield National College Fair: Sunday, March 30, 1-4 p.m. at The Big E. Register www.gotomyncf.com. View a list of participating institutions by clicking on the college fair link on the same website. Check the list often for updates.

Financial Aid: American Student Assistance College Planning Centers offer free assistance with completing financial aid applications. Call (877) 332-4348 or visit www. asa.org/plan for assistance.

Seniors: Colleges/universities (4 year) are looking for your term 2 grades. Give Mrs. Ledger, counseling secretary, a regular-sized envelope with your name in the left hand corner, 1 stamp in the right hand corner and the address of each school you applied to for the end of this month. She will provide them with an updated transcript once grades are all set.

FAFSA Day (College Goal Sunday): A volunteer driven program providing free assistance to students and families seeking to complete the FAFSA, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid Feb. 23 at 1 p.m. at Holyoke Community College. Parents should bring their FAFSA Pin (www.pin.ed.gov), social security number, driver's license number, most recent federal tax return, most recent W-2 or year-end pay stub, untaxed income records, bank statement(s), business and investment records and alien registration card (if not a U.S. citizen). For more information, visit www.fafsaday.org.







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# Public Safety Pouce Log

The Agawam Police Department responded to 270 calls for service from Jan. 28 to Feb. 3. The department made nine arrests. Those arrested will appear at a future date in Westfield District Court and are innocent until proven guilty.

#### Wednesday, Jan. 29

Natalya Baygulova, 36, of 51 Fruwirth Ave., Agawam, was arrested on a charge of domestic assault and battery.

#### Saturday, Feb. 1

Karen Johnson, 38, of 192 Northampton Ave. Apt. 2nd, Springfield, was arrested on charges of uninsured motor vehicle warrant, uninsured motor vehicle, and unregistered motor vehicle.

Four 17-year old juveniles were arrested on charges of person under 21 in possession of liquor.

#### Sunday, Feb. 2

Vladimir V. Duducal, 24, of 25 Westford Circle, Agawam, was arrested on a charge license suspended warrant.

Thomas Supinski, 46 of 47 Kensington St., Agawam, was arrested on charges of domestic assault and battery, leaving firearm in vehicle, and unlawful possession of large capacity feeding device.

#### Monday, Feb. 3

Steven Patrick Connell-Laberge, 19, of 56 South Westfield St., Feeding Hills, was arrested on charges of operating a motor vehicle with license suspended, failure to stop for police, marked lanes violation, negligent operation of motor vehicle, and speeding.

## FIRE LOG

The Agawam Fire Department responded to 53 EMS calls and 12 fire and other emergency response calls for the week from Jan. 28 to Feb. 3.

On Jan. 28 at 9:42 a.m., the department responded to Federal Street Ext. for smoke detector activation due to malfunction.

On Jan. 28 at 8:13 p.m., the department responded to Main Street for gasoline or other flammable liquid spill.

On Jan. 29 at 12:56 p.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for unauthorized burning.

On Jan. 29 at 3:14 p.m., the department responded to Maple Street for a service call.

On Jan. 30 at 4:52 p.m., the department was dispatched to Sunnyslope Avenue but was canceled en route.

On Jan. 31 at 8:37 a.m., the department

responded to Hall Street for public service.

On Jan. 31 at 12:52 p.m., the department responded to Merrell Drive for a service call

On Jan. 31 at 1:12 p.m., the department responded to Paul Revere Drive to assist police or other governmental agency.

On Feb. 1 at 6:01 p.m., the department responded to Main Street to assist invalid. On Feb. 1 at 6:39 p.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for authorized authorized to the street of the street for authorized to the street for authori

rized controlled burning.

On Feb. 3 at 7:39 a.m., the department responded to McKinley Street for a ser-

On Feb. 3 at 8:55 a.m., the department responded to the intersection of Silver and Suffield streets for combustible/flammable gas/liquid condition.

#### CALL FIREFIGHTER



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Robert Menard, center, call firefighter for the town of Agawam, was sworn in at Agawam Town Hall Thursday, Jan. 30. From left, Chief Alan Sirois, Mayor Richard A. Cohen, Menard, James Kalbaugh, firefighter/paramedic, and Town Clerk Richard Theroux.

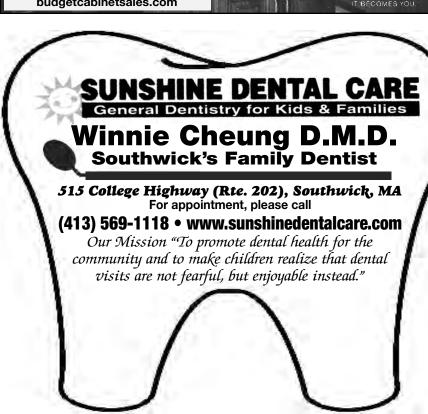
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# Seniors

## Agawam Senior Center

# Weekly calendar of events

Monday, Feb. 10: 8 a.m., Weight Training; 8:15 a.m., Yoga; 9:30 a.m., Painting Club, Line Dancing; 11:30 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 1 p.m., Bingo; 4 p.m., Tap Class; 5 p.m., Zumba Class.

Tuesday, Feb. 11: 9 a.m., S.H.I.N.E. (by appt.), Exercise, Knitting, Sewing; 10 a.m., Computer Club; 12:30 p.m., Ladies Billiards, Mah Jongg, Movie ("Ladies in Lavender"); 1 p.m., Mexican Train Game; 4:30 p.m., Yoga; 6 p.m., Beginner Line Dance; 6:30 p.m., Evening Sewing Class.

Wednesday, Feb. 12: 8 a.m., Weight Training; 8:15 a.m., Yoga; 9:45 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 12:30 p.m., Bridge; 1 p.m., Scrabble, Ballroom Dancing; 1:30 p.m., Golden Agers Chapter 1 Meeting; 5 p.m., Zumba.

Thursday, Feb. 13: 8 a.m.-Noon, Tax Prep. (by appt.); 9 a.m., Exercise; 9:30 a.m., Quilting; 10 a.m., Line Dancing; 12:30 p.m., Bridge; 1 p.m., Pitch, Open Art Class, Free Blood Pressure Check; 2 p.m., Melody Band Practice; 6:30 p.m., Pitch.

Friday, Feb. 14: 9:15 a.m., Oil Painting; 9:30 a.m., Tai Chi; 11:15 a.m., Yoga; 11:30 a.m., Valentine's Day Luncheon; Noon, Canasta; 1 p.m., Pitch, Cribbage; 5 p.m., Zumba, Friends Valentine Dinner Dance (Music w/Richie Mitnick).

#### Lunch menu

Monday, Feb. 10: Chicken potpie, salad, oranges.

Tuesday, Feb. 11: Ricotta-stuffed shells in cream sauce with prosciutto and spinach, Caesar salad, mixed fruit.

Wednesday, Feb. 12: Roast pork, roasted potatoes and carrots, gravy, applesauce, pudding.

Thursday, Feb. 13: Split pea soup, low-sodium ham salad on a roll, three-bean salad, diced pears.

Friday, Feb. 14: Sausage and cranber-ry-stuffed turkey, baked stuffed tomato, baked sweet potatoes, pound cake topped with fruit compote.

#### SIX FLAGS



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Six Flags New England Communications Manager Jennifer McGrath, left, presents Agawam Senior Center Director Joan Linnehan a \$1,000 check to be put toward the expanding nutrition program for seniors.



Daffy Duck and Bugs Bunny greet Bingo players Barbara Machietto, left, and Elaine Carlson Barbara.

By Darcy Davis

The elementary school bands have been invited to participate on Saturday morning

In looking through a box of material from the early 1980s, I came upon an interesting notice about a "Marching Band Bandathon." The Agawam High School Band will hold a 20-hour program Friday, Feb. 8 and Saturday, Feb. 9 in the school cafeteria. by coming with their instruments and sitting in with the high school band as they play through some of the same music that will be performed in the spring concert known as "Band Time," when all school bands assemble for a combined concert.

**Notes from the Music Room** 

The event will run from 4 p.m.

Friday until noon on Saturday. The purpose is to raise funds for new uniforms and the program will include a number of hours of playing with in-between hours devoted to movies of past performances over many years.

I especially remember that evening and morning because the weather was just like we have had recently ... mighty cold. More details will be included in future articles about the program, which was very successful in spite of the weather.

The Agawam Senior Center was treated to an afternoon of fun and prizes from Six Flags New England, Wednesday, Jan. 29. Six Flags New England Communications Manager Jennifer McGrath and Kristina Lynch, assistant director of the Agawam Senior Center, joined forces to come up with a fun winter activity for the seniors. A winter carnival complete with a Bingo session drew a crowd of over 100 participants.

The seniors had a chance to win prizes provided by Six Flags New England, including reusable drinking cups, Six Flags T-shirts, and puzzles. Most prizes were accompanied by a free ticket to enjoy a day a Six Flags. Another highlight of the event was a visit from Bugs Bunny and Daffy Duck, real crowd-pleasers.

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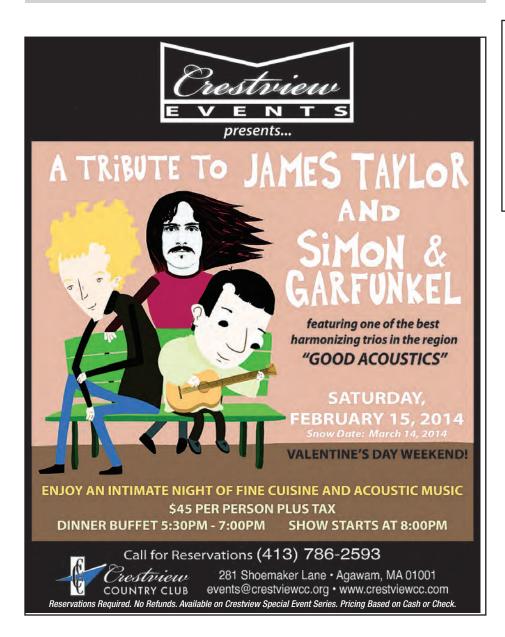
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# **Families**

# Parents invited to 'Who's influencing Your Child?'

The Agawam Family and Community Program will host "Who's influencing Your Child?" Tuesday, Feb. 11 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library.

The public is invited to join Dr. Rob Robinson as he explores how parents can tip the scales of influence in the midst of today's parenting challenges.

Robinson is the clinical director of Family Care Counseling Center in Wilbraham. He is a licensed marriage and family therapist and a clinical member of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy.

Registration is not required. For more information, call Michelle Connery, outreach coordinator, at (413) 821-0597 or email mconnery@agawampublicschools.org.

Funding for the Coordinated Family and Community Engagement (CFCE) Grant is provided by Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care (EEC).

#### **Teen program at the Agawam Library**

Teens in grades 7-12 are invited to the Agawam Public Library for a fun, interactive evening of Glo-Games, including Frisbee, bowling, and musical chairs, Wednesday, Feb. 19. The program runs from 6:30-7:45 p.m. and takes place in the community room.

Sponsored by the "Let's Move Program" and the Agawam YMCA Program and Wellness Family Center, this program is free, but space is limited. Registration is required and may be done at www.agawamlibrary.org or call Youth Services at 789-1550 ext 3.

# **Local Scout collecting for Parish Cupboard**



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**Matthew Christian** 

Matthew Christian, a member of Scout Troop 185 in Agawam, will be collecting non-perishable food items as well as toiletries for the month of February as part of his Eagle Project and is looking for community support.

His goal is to fill a trailer to be delivered to the Parish Cupboard in West Springfield, which serves Agawam as well

Donations may be dropped off at the First Baptist Church on the corner of Main and Elm streets in Agawam each Saturday this month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

#### Tickets available for Valentine Dinner Dance

The Friends of the Agawam Senior Center will host a Valentine Dinner Dance Friday, Feb. 14 from 5 to 8 p.m. The menu will include apple cranberry stuffed chicken breast, rice pilaf, salad, mixed vegetables, rolls and butter, coffee, tea and strawberry shortcake.

Tickets are \$15 per person and may be purchased by calling Emile Cote' at 335-9440 or JoAnn Balakier at 789-0451.



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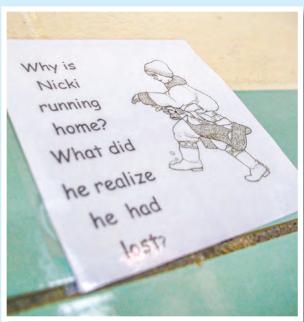


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# Walking thro





Jessica Albro reads to her two children.



The Agawam Family & Community Program hosted a free storywalk of Jan Brett's "The Mitten," Saturday, Feb. 1. Pages of the story were displayed throughout the halls of Agawam High School, allowing parents to read as they walked.

To include your event on our photo spread page, email Agawam Advertiser News editor Jennifer Wroblewski at jwroblewski@turley.com with "Photo spread suggestion" in subject line.

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AHS senior, Mike Rossi helps guide the attendees to the free storywalk hosted by the Agawam Family & Community Program on Saturday.



Zoie Leopardi, 5, and her mom, Amanda walk down the high school hall to the next page.



Nicholas Albro, 3, walks with his father, Tony Albro to the next page.



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Matthew McCrary, 6, admires the illustrations.



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Gina Letellier and her 5-year-old son, Matthew.



Shively and her 5 year-old son, Kevin.



Matthew, 6 (left) and Caleb McCrary, 3, read a page from the book together.



# Brownies rally to topple Comp

# Desrosiers pulls team within one win of tourney spot

By Gregory A. Scibelli Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – The Agawam boys basketball team engaged in a spirited matchup with visiting Chicopee Comp. The Brownies would pull away and leave with an 81-71 victory last Thursday night at home.

Comp was strong to start the game, and actually held the lead at the beginning of the second quarter.

But the Brownies made the biggest difference in that frame.

Trailing by four, Cam Cabana got things started with a layup. He followed about 40 seconds later when he got a short jumper in to tie the score 20-20.

Chicopee Comp would retake the lead temporarily following a 3-pointer by Kenny Mendez. From there, the Brownies took control, going on an 8-0 run to take a 28-23 lead.

Up 30-25, Wade Robidoux would make a steal and follow with a layup. Robidoux had an excellent game for the Brown-

ies on both sides of the ball. A bit later, Robidoux would make a free throw to give Agawam an eight-point lead 33-25.

Late in the second quarter, Agawam was trying to build their lead even bigger when Tyler Desrosiers nailed a free throw. A short time later, Talon Brown nailed a long 3-pointer to make Agawam's lead a 10-point gap 41-31, the score Agawam headed to halftime with.

In the second half, Agawam consistently scored throughout to keep Comp from being able to get back in the game. Comp was unable to stop Desrosiers, Agawam's leading scorer, and had difficulty playing defense against the rest of the Brownies.

Steve Comee was able to nail a layup with 6:02 remaining in the third quarter to build Agawam's lead to 15 points. Robidoux and Cabana also scored baskets a short time later and Agawam's biggest lead was 53-37 late in the third quarter.

Comp would try to stay in the game with some distance shooting, which worked out well at

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Kenny Mendez tries to drive down the court.

Turley Publications photo by Gregory A. Scibell

# Circosta tallies lead charge for Brownies

Agawam remains on top in Berry Division

By Gregory A. Scibelli Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – The Agawam hockey team was back in action after a long eight-day break, and found their winning touch as they picked up two straight victories and remained in first place for the Berry Division title.

After picking up the victory over Minnechaug last Thursday night, Agawam paid a visit to nearby Fitzpatrick rink and scored a 4-1 victory over Chicopee.

The Brownies were able to go up 1-0 after one frame thanks to a score by Cam Rivest.

In the second period, Agawam continued to control possession of the puck, and shot frequently on Chicopee goalie Jonathan Santos. The Brownies were able to go through the goal again with about 8:00 remaining in the second period when Zach Circosta converted on a wrist shot from the left side to make it 2-0.

A few minutes later, he connected again, utilizing a screen to sneak the puck past Santos again to make it 3-0.

In the third period, Agawam got another goal as Eric Kierkla got on



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Agawam's Mike Pfau (7) chips the puck up the ice.

the board scoring.

Chris Walles did allow a late goal, but otherwise turned in another great effort for the Brownies as he made 34 saves on 35 Chicopee shots.

Santos made 27 saves on 31 shots.

Agawam is now 10-2-2 and has officially punched their ticket into the Western Massachusetts Division 3 Tournament. After winning a state championship in Division 3A, the Brownies will have the opportunity to make a play for **Please see HOCKEY, page 16** 

# **East Longmeadow holds off Agawam**

By Gregory A. Scibelli Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – The Agawam girls basketball team's struggles have continued as they fell for the eighth straight time on Monday night, losing a heartbreaker 46-44 on Monday night on the road at East Longmeadow.

It was another instance where Agawam had a lead heading late into the game, but had trouble on defense holding on as East Longmeadow pulled ahead at the end.

Agawam played very well to start the game, but was not able to build a huge lead. They would lead 12-9 after one quarter, and led by three heading into the break.

Agawam struggled during the third quarter, but still led 33-31 heading the fourth quarter.

East Longmeadow was finally able to pick up some offense in the final frame and overtook the Brownies late. Agawam continued to get great performances from their top scorers as Danielle Stratton led the team with 15 points and Margaret Frawley had 11 points. Frawley was great from beyond the arc as he picked up three trevs.

Old Agawam nemesis Dani White had 16 points to lead the Spartans.

Last Friday night, the Brownies had a huge rematch with Min-

nechaug. This time, the Falcons were the host team, but Agawam still was able to get the advantage on them early in the game.

The Brownies were able to go up with six points in the opening quarter and held Minnechaug to just one basket.

But the Falcons offense picked up starting in the second, and the put up a crooked number on the scoreboard as they headed to halftime with a 17-point run and the lead 19-14 at halftime.

In the second half, Agawam found their offense shut down by the Falcons as they were held to just one basket in the third quarter. The Brownies were nearly equal, however, and held Minnechaug to just three points.

The Brownies made a comeback in the fourth quarter, but fell short at the end, losing 29-26.

Last week, Minnechaug took a one-point lead near the end of the game and thwarted Agawam's attempts to score the game-winning basket during the final 10 seconds of the game.

Agawam also lost to Westfield 50-39 last Tuesday night.

The Brownies are now 3-12 for the regular season and have been effectively eliminated from tournament contention barring a major upset in their league.

Agawam will travel to Ludlow Friday at 7 p.m.

# Agawam pins down Valley crown

By Gregory A. Scibelli Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – The Agawam wrestling team is heading toward the postseason very focused at winning a Western Massachusetts Division I championship.

The Brownies swept through five local opponents during the past week, including a 44-6 thumping of Longmeadow to win the Valley League title for the first time in more than 10 years.

Competing on the road, Agawam lost just one match the entire night early in the meet before going on to sweep the rest of the matches against the Lancers.

Brennen Liebel took on a difficult challenge at 113 pounds as he faced Collin Strassburg of Longmeadow. Liebel had control for a lot of the match, but had trouble putting Strassburg away. He finally exhausted his opponent and picked up the pinfall with 9 seconds remaining in the final period.

Chris Ortega picked up a win in his match at 160 pounds. He won a major decision 13-1 over Max Stukalin. Ortega took control early with a takedown, and grabbed a few nearfalls over the course of 6:00. Ortega was a three-point nearfall away to getting a technical fall and ending the match early.

Anthony Basile bumped up a weight class and competed at 152 pounds. He defeated nick Lachiusa by pinfall in the second period.

On Saturday morning, Agawam traveled to Pathfinder and picked up four victories, including a 60-12 trouncing of host Pathfinder.

Agawam won several of their matches by forfeit, but also had some great wrestling in the middle weights.

At 126 pounds, Daigan Bishop helped Agawam start scoring when he got a quick takedown and picked up a pinfall for the Brownies.

Later at 138 pounds, Anthony Carcciolo was a victor. He had a little bit of trouble closing out his match, but caught his opponents arms and used a backslide to score the pinfall during the second round.

Basile had a very quick match at 145 pounds, winning quickly after a takedown to open the match.

David Rodriguez made things interesting at 152 pounds as he was taken down very early in the match. However, he scored a reversal and was able to pick up a pinfall from that point.

Ortega, Vinnie Derose, Fred Karl-Morin, Jim Karl-Morin, Nick Blais, and Nick Hope all picked up victories for the Brownies in the higher weights.

Coach Armondo Ramos has a full healthy lineup heading into the final two weeks of the season, with the Western Mass. next Friday the next big challenge for the Brownies.

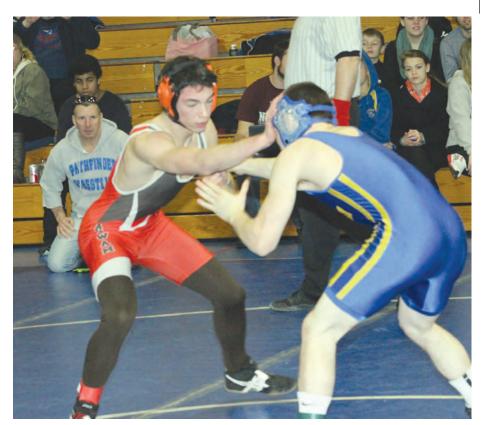
The Brownies final big preparation for Western Mass. is this weekend at Marlborough when Agawam is scheduled to have three meets against Eastern Mass. teams beginning at 10 a.m.

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Agawam wrestled Saturday against four teams, including Pathfinder. Here, Daigan Bishop tries to take control of his match at 126 pounds.



Anthony Caricciolo tries to find an opening to get a takedown.

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times. In all, Comp sank nine 3-pointers to keep themselves in the game at times.

Agawam got a buzzer trey from Desrosiers to enter the fourth quarter up 63-51. The Brownies were able to keep the gap at about 12-14 points throughout the fourth quarter until the benches for both teams entered the game and Comp was able to put a few more points on the board in the final 2:00 of the game.

Desrosiers had another great game, lead-

ing all scorers with 38 points. Talon Brown had 13 for the Brownies.

The Colts were led by Mike Bombard with 23 points. Evan Pycko had 16 points, Jamil Sam 15.

Agawam improved to 9-6 with the win. The Brownies are at Ludlow Friday at 7 p.m.

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T.J. Lockwood starts a play moving down the court.



Mike Vecchiarelli makes a pass. Vecchiarelli recently returned from an arm injury he suffered during football season.

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#### SPORTS CALENDAR

#### Youth wrestling tourney open to the public

AGAWAM - The 2014 Agawam Invitational Youth Wrestling Tournament will be held at Agawam High School Saturday, Feb. 8. The public is invited come watch future Agawam wrestling stars compete against other local talented wrestlers at this all-day event. Wrestling begins at 9:30 a.m. and refreshments will be available.

#### Sacred Heart signups for softball

AGAWAM - Sacred Heart Athletic Association offers softball leagues that can accommodate girls from grades 1-8.

The cost for instructional softball (grades 1-2) is \$75 and NEYSA (grades 3-8) will be \$100.

All registrations will be held at the Sacred Heart Religious Education Center at 1103 Springfield St., Feeding Hills, on the following days: Saturday, Feb. 22 and Saturday, March 1 from 1 to 3 p.m.

We also provide the opportunity to register through the mail. Please visit our website, download the registration form and mail it directly to us! Deadline for mail in registrations is March 5.

#### Fishing swap meet set for March 9

AGAWAM - A fishing swam meet will be held on Sunday, March 9 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Polish American Club, 139 Southwick St.

Buy, sell and trade new and used fishing and hunting gear (no guns).

The cost is a \$2 donation at the door. Kids 12 and under are free. No cost to park.

There will be raffle prizes.

Polish Club food confessions will be open with breakfast/lunch food and drinks.

Table space and boat spaces still available. If you would like to sell your items or boat, please call Dave Dussault at 413-427-0846.

For more information, go to getyourlinewet.com.

#### **Baseball players wanted**

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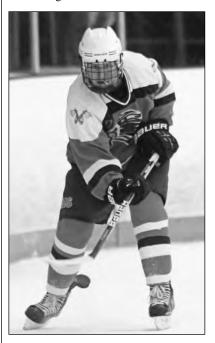
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the Division 3 crown, a championship that has often had just a few contenders in recent years with Westfield, Longmeadow, East Longmeadow, and Minnechaug being the top contenders.

Agawam has already defeated Westfield and Minnechaug this season. Longmeadow does own a win over Agawam, but the Brownies have shown the ability to be able to compete with the Lancers. Agawam also owns a better overall record than Longmead-

Agawam currently holds a 6-1-2 record in the Berry Division with Westfield now in second place with a 6-2-1 league record. East Longmeadow is in third with a 5-1-2



Agawam's Billy Wyscocki (18) tries to gain control of the puck along the boards.

record and Longmeadow is fourth at 5-2-2. Longmeadow is just 7-5-2 overall this year.

Agawam was scheduled to face Westfield on the road last night at Amelia Park. Last year, Agawam faced Westfield in independent action at Amelia Park and tied the Bombers 2-2.

The Brownies have six games remaining on the schedule. Five are against Berry Division competitors while the sixth is a challenge game against Eastern Mass.' Algonquin.

Agawam faces Ludlow Friday at 6 p.m.

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Agawam's Justin Lecuyer (8) looks to make a move up the ice.

# Keeley set to join Pride next season

WILBRAHAM - Wilbraham & Monson Academy boys lacrosse senior Casey Keeley kept bumping into Springfield College coach Keith Bugbee during the spring and sum-

Whether it was a camp or tournament, the two continually crossed paths, so much so that Casey knew back in July he wanted to stay close to home and play college lacrosse for the Pride.

Casey's hopes came true in December when he was accepted into Springfield College.

"The campus has a feel to it: it has a sports-feel to it," said Casey, who plans to major in sports biology in hopes of pursuing a career in physical therapy. "Then I met the lacrosse coach and he was such a nice guy. Having that opportunity to play for him was something I wanted to do."

WMA's coach Phil Roland, who had a son play for coach Bugbee, helped foster the relationship between the long-time Springfield College coach and Casey.

"Coach Roland helped with the connection," Casey said.

Casey's acceptance into Springfield College is just one of many bits of recent good news for the WMA boys lacrosse team. Recruits have been on campus regularly, the team has been working together throughout



WMA's Casey Keeley, of Agawam, was accepted to Springfield Colelge to play boys lacrosse next year.

the winter, and the positive vibe among the team has continued to grow.

"The upcoming season . . . it's going to be great," Casey said. "The guys are fired up. Its looks like we're going to have a good turnout and we'll keep trying to play for that championship."

#### COLLEGE NOTES

#### Rackliffe named MASCAC Women's **Basketball Rookie of the Week**

FRAMINGHAM - Framingham State freshman forward Alycia Rackliffe, of Feeding Hills, has been named the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) Women's Basketball Rookie of the Week for the week ending Feb. 3.

Rackliffe earns her second Rookie of the Week honors this season after averaging 14 points, 8.5 rebounds, 1.5 assists, 1.5 steals and 1.5 blocks in a 2-0 week for the Rams.

Rackliffe tallied 15 points and nine boards in a 65-51 win over Worcester State and finished the week with 13 points on 5-of-9 shooting from the floor to go along with three blocks in a 74-53 win over Westfield

#### Ritter helps out Wentworth

BOSTON - Wentworth men's volleyball player and Feeding Hills resident Colin Ritter finished with 32 assists in a 3-0 win over Emerson on Wednesday, Jan. 29.

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## Agawam basketball 'Playing for a Cure'

AGAWAM - The Agawam High School girls basketball teams will be "Playing for a Cure" in support of Breast Cancer Awareness on Monday, Feb. 10.

The girls are dedicating their games against Amherst to all those who've lost the fight; to those who won't quit the fight; and especially in memory of Susan A. Mirski (mom of varsity player Christie Mirski) who lost her battle on Thanksgiving Day.

All proceeds from the game will be donated to Rays of Hope. Cure" t-shirts will be sold for \$15

"Playing for a Pink ribbon dedication cards will be sold for \$1 and placed on a "Wall of Hope."

In addition to the sale of the shirts and cards, the 50/50 raffle and halftime court shot proceeds will be donated to Rays of Hope.

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Tuesday, Feb. 11: Baked mozzarella sticks w/marinara sauce, mashed potatoes, seasoned carrot coins, fresh and chilled fruit.

Wednesday, Feb. 12: Buttered noodles w/meat sauce on the side, French breadstick, seasoned mix vegetables, fresh and chilled fruit.

Thursday, Feb. 13: Whole-grain French bread pizza, salad with lite dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, cake.

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# Business

# Holt joins Insurance Center of New England

Insurance Center of New England, Inc., one of the largest locally owned, independent insurance agencies in New England, announced that Eric Holt, of Feeding Hills, has joined the company as a small business producer.

Holt, an Agawam native, will work with local businesses to help provide them with better coverage and identify gaps in coverage. He will be based in the Agawam office.

Holt comes to ICNE from The Hartford, where he was an AARP insurance sales agent. In that role, Holt worked directly with prospective clients regarding their automobile, homeowners, and personal umbrella insurance. He holds a Bachelor of Science in business management and marketing from Westfield State University as well as an Associate's Degree in business administration from Springfield Technical Community Col-



**Eric Holt** 

## Campus Motes...

Anna Maria College: Jonathan Alicea, of Feeding Hills, was named to the fall semester dean's list.

**Assumption College:** Jenna Fenton and Cristina Zaffetti, of Feeding Hills, were named to the fall semester dean's

Bentley University: Taylor Lunden and Jordan Venne, of Agawam, were named to the fall semester dean's list.

Curry College: Kevin Fruwirth, of Agawam, was named to the fall semester dean's list.

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Springfield Technical Community College: Raymond Ballard, Sarah Dudley, Jonathan Forgue, Jacquelyn Gabriel, Gabrielle Gagnon, Nicole Gallagher, Mia Ghedi, Jeffery Gilbert, Rose Heurtelou, William Hoskin, Samantha Hulse, Nicholas Korniyenko, Victoria Korniyenko, Zachary Lamsey, Iwona LeBlanc,

Kevin Mangano, Brian Martel, Ryan Rennell, Natalia Rodriguez, Jeremy Roy, Hayley Scagliarini, Tasya Ward, and Shawn Zaborowski, of Agawam; and Michelle Archambo, Russell Bradley, Manuela Castrillon, Jeremy Cleveland, Yelizaveta Dzyubenko, Lexi Harbey, Renate Klueh, Emily Laliberte, Jonathan LaValley, Tatyana Lyubezhanina, Robert McGeoghan, Christian Mickey, Sandra Saitto, and Daniel Sole, of Feeding Hills, were named to the fall semester dean's

Stonehill College: Marisa R. Nieves, of Agawam, and Lauren A. Dougherty, of Feeding Hills, were named to the fall semester dean's list.

University of Hartford: Michael Humiston, Caroline Paleologopoulos and Kevin Paulin, of Agawam; and Justin Bousquet, Shannon Colby and Shannon Sullivan, of Feeding Hills, were named to the fall semester dean's list.

Worcester Polytechnic Institute: Gaetano Scuderi, of Feeding Hills, was named to the fall semester dean's list.

# <u>egal Notices</u>

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January 13, 2014 Notice is hereby given that the Agawam Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at the Agawam Public Library Conference Room, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA on Monday, February 24, 2014 at 7PM for all parties interested in the appeal of Steve R. Cincotta (5-C Realty), who is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-7, Paragraph B(2) of the Town of Agawam's Zoning Ordinances to allow for the expansion of a business located at the premises identified as 1408 Main Street.

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**Doreen Prouty** Chairperson Agawam Board of Appeals 2/6,2/13/14

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court 50 State Street** Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758 Docket No. HD14C0012CA In the matter of: Connie

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To all persons interested in petition described: A petition has been

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WITNESS, Hon. Anne M Geoffrion, First Justice of this Court.

Date: January 28, 2014 Suzanne T Seguin Register of Probate

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## **Suffield Academy announces** summer enrichment program

SUFFIELD, Conn. - Suffield Academy will hold its five-week Summer Academy June 29 through Aug. 1. The Summer Academy, open to boys and girls, ages 12 through 18, has spaces available for both day students and boarding students.

According to Greg Lynch, Suffield Academy Summer Academy director, the intensive program offers academic programs in mathematics, languages, computer science and sciences; workshops in study skills in leadership and study skills, a full array of athletics, arts, and recreational programs on the campus, plus weekend field trips to New York City, Boston, and Newport, R.I. Suffield Academy has run a Summer Academy for 19 years.

"The Summer Academy has a large international clientele, usually representing over 15 countries," said Lynch, "so regional students get an opportunity to meet fellow students from around the globe."

According to Lynch, "Suffield's Summer Academy is not 'remedial summer school'

but rather an academic enrichment program offering students an opportunity to enhance their middle and high school experience."

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Suffield Academy will hold a Summer Academy Open House and Information Session Wednesday, Feb. 12 at 7:30 p.m. in Fuller Hall hosted by Jeff Depelteau, Summer Academy director of admissions. The event is free, but advance reservations are required before Monday, Feb. 10. To make a reservation, contact Depelteau at (860) 386-4445 or jdepelteau@suffieldacademy.org.

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WEST SPRINGFIELD - Crafters are wanted for the West Springfield Craft Fair to be held Saturday, May 3 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at First Congregational Church, located at 20 Lathrop St.

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Daigneau, Sherry M. Died Jan. 31, 2014 Funeral Feb. 6, 2014 Agawam Funeral Home

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Quinn, Thomas W. Died Jan. 31, 2014 Funeral Feb. 4, 2013 Agawam Funeral Home

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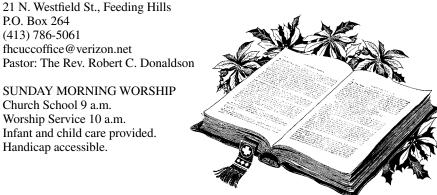
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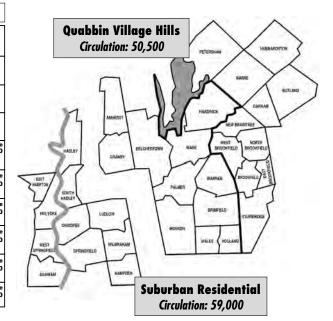
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OUR CALENDAR SECTION is intended to promote "free" events, or those that directly affect a volunteer-driven organization. Paid events that are not deemed benefits do not qualify. Non-charitable events that charge the public for profit are not allowed as we consider that paid advertising. The deadline to submit calendar items is Monday at noon. Send to the Agawam Advertiser News at aan@turley.com, fax to 786-8457, or mail to 23 Southwick St., Feeding Hills, MA 01030. We usually print at least one week prior to an event. The listings should be brief with only time, date, location, activity explanation and contact information.

#### Friday, Feb. 7

AGAWAM CULTURAL COUNCIL'S APPLAUSE SERIES continues Friday, Feb. 7 at 7 p.m. The Rosewood Chamber Ensemble will present the Melodies of Mark Twain at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. This and all Applause Series events are free and open to the public.

#### Saturday, Feb. 8

A VALENTINE CHOCOLATE AND JEWELRY FAIR will be held at the First Congregational Church, 7 Somers Road, East Longmeadow from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A raffle of items donated by crafters will take place. Free admission and parking.

#### Sunday, Feb. 9

THE HOLYOKE HIGH SCHOOL MAD-RIGAL SINGERS and Bell Choirs will host a concert at 2 p.m. at United Congregational Church of Holyoke in the Skinner Chapel, located on Maple St. Suggested donation is \$10; \$5 for students and seniors. Artists' reception follows. The concert is part of the Experience Music at United series. FREE NOTICING NATURE GUIDED FAMILY WALK will take place from 1-2 p.m. at Mt. Tom State Reservation, 125 Reservation Road, Holyoke. For families and curious adults. Dress for the weather with sturdy shoes for ice or snow. Meet at the Stone House Visitor Center, jct Reservation Road and Christopher Clark Road. Inclement weather cancels. For more information, call (413) 584-6788.

#### Tuesday, Feb. 11

THE AGAWAM CULTURAL COUNCIL will meet at 7 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, located at 750 Cooper St. The meeting is open to the public. Anyone with an interest in providing diverse cultural events for the town is invited.

THE AGAWAM SENIOR CENTER will host a free movie ("Ladies in Lavender") at 12:30 p.m. The public is welcome.

ADULT DROP-IN SIT AND KNIT meets every Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library. No registration needed.

#### Wednesday, Feb. 12

THE ELM-BELCHER MASONIC LODGE, 53 River St., Agawam offers an all-you-can-eat spaghetti supper at a cost of \$7 for adults, \$4 for children. The public is welcome.

#### Thursday, Feb. 13

THE AGAWAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH FAMILY PLAYGROUP, which takes place at the church at 745 Main St., Agawam, is open to children birth through age 5 with a parent or caregiver, meets weekly on Thursdays from 9:30 to 11 a.m. It includes crafts, stories, songs, free play and

more. For more information, call 786-7111 or email jbrownacc@verizon.net.

#### **UPCOMING AND ONGOING**

THE WEST SPRINGFIELD COIN CLUB will meet Sunday, Feb. 16 at 7 p.m. in the Church of the Good Shepherd, 214 Elm St., West Springfield. A video about doubled die error coins will be shown and a small auction will take place. Refreshments available. Guests welcome. For information, call Peter Setian at 596-9871.

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THE TUESDAY MORNING MUSIC CONCERT Feb. 18 at 10:30 a.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church in Springfield will feature Nancy Babb, piano; Anita Anderson Cooper, soprano; and David Garrido, piano. Free refreshments provided. For more information, contact Yolanda Martin, 25 Valentine St., Springfield or John Karalekas, TMMC president, Trinity United Methodist Church, 361 Sumner Ave., Springfield 01138.

THE AFRICAN CHILDREN'S CHOIR will perform at the Bethany Assembly of God, 580 Main St., Wednesday, Feb. 19 at 7 p.m. The concert is free and open to all. A free-will offering is taken at the performance to support African Children's Choir programs, such as education, care and relief and development programs.

ADULT DROP-IN YOGA is offered at the Agawam Public Library Tuesday, Feb. 25 at 7 p.m. It is a beginner's class and open to adults 18 and over. Bring a yoga mat or blanket. No registration needed.

A CARD & COLLECTIBLE SHOW will be held Sunday, March 2 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Chicopee Boys and Girls Club, 580 Meadow St. Admission is \$1; kids under 10 are free. There will be over 40 tables, a door prize drawing every 30 minutes, and the club is handicap accessible. For more information, call (413) 593-6046.

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Call the Agawam Health Department at 786-0400 ext. 8722 to schedule an appointment. A \$15 administration fee is required.

# Arts

# 'Shakespeare' returns to Agawam High School

Agawam High School will be the venue once again for a return engagement of Shakespeare & Co., out of Lenox. This professional troupe will perform an edited version of "Romeo and Juliet" on Tuesday, March 11 at 10 a.m., with doors opened to the public at 9:30 a.m.

For the students, there will be a talkback and workshop following the performance. Limited seating is to be set aside to allow the general audience to attend. Parking is available in the lower lot of the high school, near the auditorium.

Reservations are required. For reservations or more information, contact Andrea LaPlace, chairperson of the "Agawam Cultural Council in the Schools" program at (413) 786-6753 or andrealaplace@comcast. net. Although seating is unreserved, be sure to indicate the number of seats wanted, and provide name and telephone number, in case of cancellation.

The production runs approximately 90 minutes. It strives to engage the students as

well as the general public in the rich language and imagery of one of the greatest playwrights in the English language. The actors develop a wonderful rapport with the audience, and the iconic characters of Shakespeare's greatest play come alive with all their dramatic flair and timeless humanity.

The Agawam Cultural Council is sponsoring this event as part of its "Give Back to the Community Program." It is free and open to the public. Information about the program may be found at www.agawamcc.org by clicking on Special Projects, and then clicking on Shakespeare & Company.

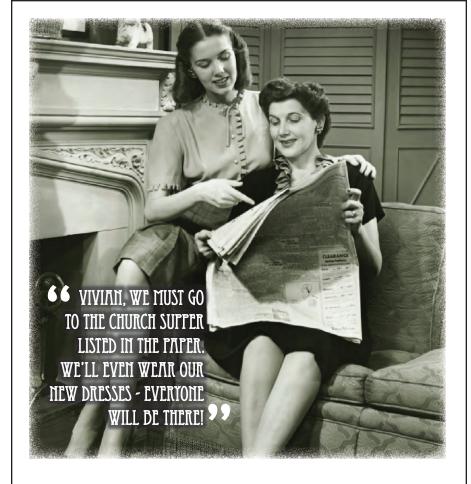
The Agawam Cultural Council (ACC) is an all-volunteer local partner of the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency funded, in part, by the MCC. The ACC is charged with bringing engaging, entertaining, and educational events and opportunities in the arts, humanities, and sciences, to children and adults from Agawam and the surrounding communities.

# ACAA meeting to feature art demonstration

The Agawam Community Artists and Artisans (ACAA) will meet Wednesday, Feb. 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library Community Room, located at 750 Cooper St. The public is invited. Cathy Guidetti, of West Springfield, will present a scratchboard art demonstration.

Guidetti grew up in Huntington and has always been inspired by the artistic creative process. Art is her passion and that has driven her to work in work in many different mediums including oil, acrylic, scratchboard, watercolor and pen and ink. After studying with local and nationally known watercolor artists, she developed a passion for transparent watercolor.

Her work has been accepted in regional juried shows in which she has won awards. In the spring, Guidetti will teach a beginning watercolor class at the Westfield YMCA. She currently resides in West Springfield with her husband of 41 years and is the mother of two sons.



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za party prizes will be awarded, one for an Agawam banner and one for a banner from a West Springfield group.

Both communities are also invited to a Winter Ice Cream Social Thursday, Feb. 27 at 6:30 p.m. at First Congregational UCC, located at 20 Lathrop St. in West Springfield. There people will find out about the CROP Hunger Walk and the ministries it supports, including Church World Service and the Parish Cupboard in West Springfield, meet

other Walk teams, and enjoy a summer treat in winter.

The Agawam/West Springfield CROP Hunger Walk will take place Sunday, April 27 at noon. Walkers will register at Agawam Congregational Church and walk a five-mile loop that includes the Agawam River Walk.

For a banner contest flyer or questions about the ice cream social, groups should contact Diana Forfa at 413-734-7667 or email drforfa@hotmail.com.

#### Parent Information Night for upcoming kindergarteners

The Agawam Public Schools will host a Parent Information Night Thursday, March 13 at 6 p.m. at Benjamin J. Phelps School, 689 Main St. Parents of all children entering kindergarten in September are invited to attend.

The program is offered to answer questions parents might have about their child entering school in September. Children who will be 5 years old prior to Sept. 1 are eligible for kindergarten.

For more information, contact Christine Costello at the Early Childhood Center at 821-0597.



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